

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
STATE OF THE TOWN
RTM—8 DECEMBER 2008
2008 ONGOING GOVERNMENT CHARGES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Accomplished

- Funded Emergency Services
- Implemented recommendations from the Advisory Board of Health to improve the Darien Health Department
- Supported Darien Police Department Building Committee
- Continued to promote Aging in Place initiatives

PROTECT COMMUNITY INTERESTS

Accomplished

- Monitor the following projects and issues:
 - Broadwater LNG project – continue to monitor
 - CL&P Glenbrook Cables Project - completed
 - LICAP – continue to monitor
 - Regional transportation issues
 - The Rest Stop Area Study – provided testimony
 - The proposed FAA Airspace Redesign- member of Alliance for Sensible Airspace Planning
 - Shellfishing in Darien waters- participated in local survey
- Completed the Charter Revision Commission process and set date for community vote

MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Accomplished

- Continued monthly Department Head Staff Meetings
- Continued to respond to community concerns

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Accomplished

- Received grants in excess of \$2,000,000
- Halted all major projects to mitigate effects of economic downturn
- Instituted a hiring freeze on all non-mandated personnel
- Tracked receipt of grants quarterly
- Renegotiated contracts
- Raised fees where applicable
- Continued to implement efficiencies and economies to reduce costs where possible

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Accomplished

- Expanded opportunities for resident participation in Town projects and issues by appointing new commissions, and a task force
- Selected project of the year to be honored at Volunteer Recognition Day